

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL MEMORANDUM

HB 829 – SB 817

March 3, 2011

SUMMARY OF AMENDMENTS (004556, 004571): Decreases, from 30 to 14 days, the authentication period after the date of the patient's discharge if the individual receiving a verbal order immediately reads back the order to the issuer of the order, and the issuer verifies that the read-back order is correct. Corrects a typographical error in Section (a)(2) of the proposed legislation by deleting the language "subdivision (a)(2)" and substituting instead the language "subdivision (a)(3)."

FISCAL IMPACT OF ORIGINAL BILL:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL WITH PROPOSED AMENDMENTS:

Unchanged from the original fiscal note.

Assumptions applied to amendments:

- The Board for Licensing Health Care Facilities will revise current hospital regulations to reflect the new provisions, conduct rulemaking for the revised regulations, and train survey staff to review verbal order records to ensure each hospital's compliance with the new requirements.
- Rulemaking can be accomplished during regularly scheduled board meetings and will not result in a significant increase in state expenditures.
- Any costs incurred for compliance training and monitoring will be not significant and can be accommodated within existing resources without an increased appropriation or reduced reversion.
- Decreasing the authentication time period from 30 days to 14 days will not result in a significant regulatory or fiscal impact to the Board.
- Pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 68-11-216, the Board is required to be self-supporting over a two-year period. As of June 30, 2010, the Board had a balance of \$392,654.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "James W. White". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "James" written in a smaller, more compact script than the last name "White".

James W. White, Executive Director

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